



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Most of the state received below normal amounts of moisture and below average temperatures last week, according to the USDA, NASS Colorado Field Office. These conditions allowed producers 3.6 days in the field.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	0	11	76	13
Last Week	0	13	75	12
Last Year	8	25	63	4

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	2	16	75	7
Last Week	1	21	72	6
Last Year	14	34	46	6

**Small Grains:** Winter wheat seeding is now complete and has progressed to 96 percent emerged. The crop is normally 100 percent emerged by this time of year.

**Row Crops:** Late season crops continue to be rated in good condition, however, harvest of these crops continues to progress much slower than the 5-year average. Sorghum advanced to 64 percent harvested, well behind the average of 87 percent. Corn was 71 percent harvested this week, 22 points behind the 5-year average. Sunflowers, reported at 70 percent harvested, are 27 points behind the average. Dry bean and sugarbeet harvest have kept up with the average and are nearing completion.

**Livestock:** Livestock in Colorado are rated in good condition. Death losses for cattle and sheep were rated average, while stored feed supplies remained above average for this time of the year.

**Pasture, Range, and Hay:** Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained in good condition for the week. The alfalfa crop was rated in mostly good condition with the fourth cutting 76 percent complete, lagging behind the 5-year average by 23 percentage points.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending November 22, 2009

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2009	4	15	29	42	10
Prev. Year – 2008	11	22	40	23	4
5-Year Avg.	5	21	43	26	5

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending November 22, 2009

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Seeded	100	99	100	100
Emerged	96	94	99	100
<b>Corn</b>				
Harvested	71	64	93	93
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Harvested	64	54	88	87
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Harvested	99	98	99	100
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	98	96	95	98
<b>Sunflowers</b>				
Harvested	70	65	93	97
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	76	63	98	99

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	0	4	14	55	27
<b>Livestock</b>	0	3	17	69	11

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.